

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 2502

PRINTER NO. 3774

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

May 12, 2020

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Mihalek

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 2502 amends the Administrative Code to require a report on the implementation of the 2020 primary election.

Within 60 days after the 2020 primary election, the legislation requires the Department of State to issue a report on the election to the majority and minority chairs of the House and Senate State Government Committees. The report must also be made available on the Department of State's publicly accessible website.

The report under House Bill 2502 shall include the following numbers for each county and the totals for the Commonwealth:

- Absentee ballot applications received;
- Mail-in ballot applications received;
- Approved absentee ballot applications;
- Approved mail-in ballot applications;
- Absentee ballots voted;
- Mail-in ballots voted;
- Voters qualified to cast provisional ballots;
- Voters casting provisional ballots;
- Absentee ballot applications submitted by non-registered voters;
- Mail-in ballot applications submitted by non-registered voters;
- Voter registration applications received:
 - Fewer than thirty days before the 2020 Primary Election and
 - Fewer than fifteen days before the 2020 Primary Election;
- Election officers appointed under Act 12 Election Code emergency provisions;
- Polling places consolidated under Act 12 Election Code emergency provisions;

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- Polling places consolidated with required Act 12 Election Code emergency provisions;
- Polling places located in alternate sites under Act 12 Election Code emergency provisions;
- Polling places in school buildings;
- Date and time counties began pre-canvassing absentee ballots and mail-in ballots;
- Date and time counties began canvassing absentee ballots and mail-in ballots;
- Challenged absentee ballots;
- Challenged mail-in ballots;
- Challenged absentee ballots not canvassed;
- Challenged mail-in ballots not canvassed;
- Incidents made known to the Department of State relating to:
 - Absentee or mail-in ballot sent to the wrong individual or wrong address;
 - Absentee or mail-in ballot voted by someone other than the applicant; and
 - Absentee or mail-in ballot returned other than by mail or delivery in person.
- Department of State actions taken in response to any of these incidents; and
- Issues or incidents with an approved electronic voting system (including technical issues).

This act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT

The completion of the report outlined in House Bill 2502 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth or county funds. The Department of State is able to accommodate the production of this report within existing staffing and budget levels. Funding for the Department of State's General Government Operations appropriation in the FY 2020-21 interim budget is \$1.8 million.